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SUBJECT: BOMBING ATTACK AGAINST US BINATIONAL CENTER

1. SUMMARY: ON JULY 4, 1984 A SERIES OF BOMBS EXPLODED IN THE PERUVIAN CITY OF HUANCAYO, DEPARTMENT OF JUNIN. AMONG THE BUILDINGS DAMAGED BY EXPLOSIONS WAS A US AFFILITAED BINATIONAL CENTER. THE BUILDING WAS UNOCCUPIED AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLSION, AND DAMAGES ARE VARIOUSLY ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN THREE AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS. PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE (PIP) ASCRIBED THE BOMBINGS TO THE SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) AND CLAIM TO HAVE 38 SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY. ENDSUMMARY.

2. BETWEEN 2210 AND 2245. JULY 4, 1984 FOUR EXPLOSIONS
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OCCURRED IN THE PERUVIAN CITY OF HUANCAYO,

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DEPARTEMENT OF JUNIN. AMONG THE BUILDINGS ATTACKED WERE TWO RESTAURANTS THE "CHARLES DICKENS ACADEMY", AND THE US-AFFILITTED BINATIONAL CENTER. ALL BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED WITHIN A FOUR BLOCK RADIUS IN DOWNTOWN HUANCAY. DAMAGES TO THE BNC BUILDING ARE INITIALLY ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN THREE AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND US DOLLARS. THE BUILDING WAS UNOCCUPIED AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK AND NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

3. PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE (PIP) ARE INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT AND HAVE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE EMBASSY:

-- PIP HAS ASCRIBED THE ATTACKS TO THE SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) ALTHOUGH NEITHER THIS ORGANIZATION NOR ANY OTHER HAS CLAIMED PUBLICLY CREDIT FOR THE BOMBINGS

-- PIP HAS INDICATED THAT THE DEVICES UTILIZED WERE HOMEMADE DYNAMITE BOMBS. BOMB FRAGMENTS WILL BE BROUGHT TO LINA FOR SUBSEQUENT ANALYSIS IN PIP LABORATORIES.

--PIP HAS TAKEN 38 PERSONS INTO CUSTODY IN HUANCAYO AND CLAIMS THAT "SOME" OF THEM HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SL MEMBERS.

PIP HAS NOT YET PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH NAMES INDIVIDUALS SUSPECTED OR CONNECTIONS OR MEMBERSHIP.

4. IN A CONVERSATION WITH SR. ARMANDO MELO, PRESIDENT OF THE BNC BOARD IN HUANCAYO, RSO WAS INFORMED THAT THIS WAS THE THIRD BOMBING ATTACK AGAINST THIS FACILITY WITHIN THE PAST FOURTEEN MONTHS (MAY 83, OCTOBER 83 AND JULY 84). SR.MELO ALSO STATED THAT, IN A PHONE CONVERSATION WITH BNC PERSONNEL ON THE MORNING OF JULY 8, HE WAS INFORMED THAT TWO BOMBS

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HAD BEEN THROWN AT THE FACILITY (THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED BY PIP).

5. PIP HAS BEEN ADVISED OF EMBASSY'S INTEREST IN THE CONDUCT AND RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION WILL BE FORWARDED ON BOMB MATERIALS AND IDENTITY AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. JORDAN..

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